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For: AUTOMATED METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE  
DETECTION OF LUNG NODULES IN LOW-DOSE  
CT IMAGE FOR LUNG-CANCER SCREENING

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner:

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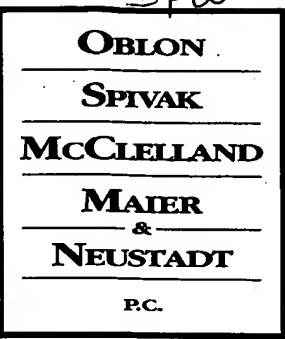
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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.